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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Emergency Planning

REFERENCES: (a) USIB D-7.1/2, 5 June 1959
(b) USIB D-7.1/6, 9 September 1959
(c) PROCIB Memo, 1 December 1959

PURPOSE

To assure the procurement in time of emergency of foreign publications (other than captured documents) adequate for intelligence purposes.

DISCUSSION

1. Foreign publications constitute a major source of intelligence information. While the nature, source and volume of this type of intelligence raw material will be greatly modified under emergency conditions, the need for examining and exploiting it will continue. The importance to the national effort of intelligence derived from this source will be minimized at the outset of nuclear war and will increase during such a war in response to the requirements of intelligence and operational activities as well as those of military government and postwar planning.

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2. A mechanism for coordinating requirements for foreign publications, for initiating action to procure them, and for receiving and distributing them already exists within the Central Intelligence Agency. Operating under the general guidance of the USIB Committee on Procurement, and with the close cooperation of the Department of State, this activity is an integral part of the CIA Library.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That at the outbreak of hostilities involving the United States or at such other time as may be determined by the USIB, the Central Intelligence Agency, as a service of common concern, will act for the USIB agencies in the procurement of foreign publications (other than captured documents), seeking requirements and advice from other agencies as appropriate, and making such bi-lateral arrangements for procurement action as may be required.
2. That the Central Intelligence Agency establish such procedures and take such preliminary action as may be essential to the implementation of the above recommendation.
3. That the departments and agencies concerned with foreign publications include in their emergency planning provision for requesting and receiving foreign publications, and, as appropriate, for assigning personnel to the Central Intelligence Agency for this purpose, or directly to field procurement teams.

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